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SUPPORT PRICE OF COTTON
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether support price of cotton have been declared;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether cotton procurement is not yet made in Maharashtra, Madhya Pradeshetc. till date despite its support price being declared;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the time by which cotton procurement is likely to be made?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. The Government has fixed the Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for basic varieties such as F-414 / H-777 / J-34 at Rs.1675/- per quintal and for H-4 variety at Rs.1875 per quintal for 2001-2002 cotton season. The MSPs for othervarieties are fixed by the Ministry of Textiles on the basis of market price differentials of the basic varieties.

(c) to (e): Under the Price Support Scheme (PSS), the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI), a central nodal agency, has commenced price support operation of raw cotton and has procured a total quantity of 26300 bales of 170 kgs. each of raw cotton as on 26.11.2001 during 2001-2002 season in the states of Rajasthan, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka.The share of Madhya Pradesh is 5,785 bales. Procurement is continuing.

As regards Maharashtra, procurement has been started by the MaharashtraState Cotton Growers Marketing Federation under the Monopoly Procurement Schemew.e.f. 7.11.2001 and has procured kapas equivalent to 5.36 lakh bales of 170 kg. each of lint cotton as on 30.11.2001 as compared to 5.30 lakh bales procured during the corresponding period of last year.